

WINTER STORM HAZARD - DISTRICT 4

STATE PLAN

Goal 7: Reduce impacts from severe winter weather.

Objective 7.1: Increase public awareness of winter weather hazards.

Objective 7.2: Increase community capabilities to mitigate the loss of life.

COUNTY	MITIGATION PROJECT	PRIORITY
Carter	Construct all-weather storage building for equipment.	M
Carter	Construct all weather storage building for equipment in Ekalaka.	M
Carter	Provide education for the public on winter survival.	M
Custer	Put on weather spotter training in the county.	M
Custer	Provide winter survival information to caregivers.	M
Custer	Print documents with information about winter survival.	M
Custer	Have county dispatch broadcast severe weather warnings to all emergency service entities as severe weather situations develop.	H
Custer	Work with Mid-Rivers and other media to broadcast weather warning information.	M
Custer	Identify and mark snow routes in Miles City.	M
Custer	Publish the county road snow removal policy and priorities annually in the fall of each year.	M
Custer	Make the public aware of sources they can access directly, and disseminate existing current and pending weather information such as the MDOT information, information from NOAA, and 511.	M
Custer	Utilize radio and other media to run informational spots on how to stay safe during severe winter weather.	M
Custer	Purchase weather radios for all remaining public buildings.	L

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Dawson	Set up and test existing generator so that the school could be powered in the event of a winter storm that causes loss of power in the town of Richey.	M
Dawson	Conduct winter safety/survival workshops in local communities.	L
Dawson	Improve coverage, timeliness and accuracy of weather information across the county.	M
Dawson	Place a NOAA weather radio in every critical facility, public building, school and day care center in the county.	H
Dawson	Provide brochures/information on how to cope with severe weather and weather information numbers.	L
Fallon	Install remote drought monitoring equipment to gather data and document situation.	M
Fallon	Obtain a back-up power source for Plevna that can power both the firehall and well/water system.	H
Garfield	Work with McCone Electric Cooperative to strengthen or bury electric distribution lines or other measures to prevent winter power outages.	H
Powder River	Widen and improve Cemetery Road due to high volumes of truck traffic.	M
Powder River	Purchase and install gates and related signage to physically close off highways during emergencies and coordinate with neighboring counties on road closures.	M
Powder River	Encourage the Montana Dept. of Transportation to revise guidelines for passing areas near hills and curves and the placement of guard rails, and changing mile markers to avoid confusion for emergency responders.	H

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Prairie	Work to enforce road closures and notices sooner so that there are fewer weather related accidents and travelers stranded on the roadways.	H
Prairie	Work with the Montana Dept. of Transportation and law enforcement to develop policies for closing the interstate at locations that divert storm-bound travelers to Glendive or Miles City, rather than Terry.	H
Richland	Identify and mark snow routes and schedules and publicize the information.	H
Richland	Investigate options for reporting weather conditions aimed at travelers throughout the county.	M
Wibaux	Obtain generator(s) to provide back-up power to run the water well pumps, power the school, firehall and courthouse.	H
Wibaux	Obtain a weather service repeater for Wibaux.	H
Wibaux	Educate citizens about how to prepare for a winter storm and what to do during a winter storm.	L
Wibaux	Identify shelter locations and develop shelter agreements with the Red Cross.	M